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parties in the districts and to take steps to counteract such propaganda, produce literature and propaganda material for the purpose and see to their distribution. They will also be responsible for publicity of the Government's nation building and developmental activities.

" (*f*) The Field Publicity staff will work as officers of the Information and Publicity department and in close co-operation and consultation with the Collectors concerned.

" (*g*) *Madras Information* is issued in English as well as the regional languages.

" (*h*) A Hindustani edition is also issued. The Hindustani edition has two parts, one in Devanagiri script and the other in Urdu. The Hindi portion is intended mostly to educate the public in Northern India regarding the work of the Madras Ministry and the cultural heritage of the south.

" (*i*) The estimated cost of all editions is about Rs. 1·1 lakh per annum. The number of copies printed languagewar is as follows :—

English	2,750
Telugu	1,000
Tamil	1,500
Malayalam	500
Kanarese	500
Hindi	1,000

" (*j*) English, Telugu and Tamil editions are printed and published by the Government Press. The Malayalam edition is printed at Jaya Kerala Press, Madras, Kanerese edition at Srivatsava Press, Madras, and the Hindustani edition at the Dakshina Bharata Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, the answers may be printed, and we may be given an opportunity to put supplementary questions on some other day."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I suggest, Sir, that copies of answers to these questions may kindly be supplied to us, and that we be given permission to put supplementary questions arising out of the answers to these two questions on some other day when the Council meets? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" All right."

Rules for the movement of controlled articles.

* 124 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether for granting permits for the movement within and outside the province of essential or controlled articles such as groundnut-oil, potatoes, jaggery, onions, etc., the Government have prescribed rules and if so, what they are;

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(b) who the authority granting permits is;

(c) whether any appeal to Government is provided against the orders of the sanctioning authority;

(d) whether the Government themselves in the first instance have issued permits in certain instances without reference to the authorized sanctioning authority; and what the names of such grantees are;

(e) whether in such instances the grantees have invariably satisfied the conditions governing the sanction of permits;

(f) what steps are taken to ensure that the permit-holders do not transfer their permits for a consideration;

(g) whether any instances of abuses by permit-holders have come to the notice of Government and if so, what action has been taken in their cases; and

(h) whether permits have been granted to persons who do not belong to this province?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The information[a] required is placed on the table of the House."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether Government as such have power, or competent, to interfere with the powers of the licensing authority, as the order is passed by His Excellency the Governor?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Government is an appellate authority, and therefore Government has got the power."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister that in the various orders passed no mention of 'Government' is made and the licensing authority alone is mentioned. I raise this because I think Government have taken upon themselves the power to issue instructions to the licensing authorities to issue certain permits. I believe this is *ultra vires*. I would like the Hon. Minister to have this examined by the Legal Department to see whether the Government are competent to issue instructions to the licensing authorities."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Prices of agricultural products.

* 125 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have undertaken or propose to undertake a survey of the prices of agricultural and 'non-agricultural' products before and after the war; and

(b) whether statistics of the prices the cultivator was receiving before and after the war and the prices he has to pay during the same period for his bare necessities other than foods are available?

a Printed as Appendix II on pages 515-518 infra.